

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The specification has been amended as follows:

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Paragraph [0017] has been amended as follows:

[0017] As shown in FIG. 4, the composite pixels 402, arranged in the photosensitive array 400 of the image sensor 16, each have an octagonal contour and are divided into a main and an auxiliary photosensitive portion or cell 412 and 410, respectively, by a generally L-shaped region obliquely in the up-and-down direction with respect to the horizontal scanning direction H. More specifically, the main photosensitive portion or region 412 forms a larger pixel having a relatively larger area and has a higher-sensitivity photoelectric transduction characteristic, i.e., a relatively high photosensitive cell. The auxiliary photosensitive portion 410, positioned above and rightward of the main photosensitive portion 412, forms a smaller pixel having a relatively smaller area and has a lower-sensitivity photoelectric transduction characteristic, i.e., a relatively low photosensitive cell.